FROM THE HEADMASTER

Response to Gonski 2.0
Over the weekend I was able to examine this latest review into education completed for the Federal Government by David Gonski.

Whilst the feedback on the document in the media has been somewhat negative, there are two key recommendations that stand out:

- “Schools would be required to prioritise the teaching of critical thinking, creativity and social skills.”
- Learning needs to be “personalised with teaching based on each student’s needs, as well as a move away from a year-based curriculum to one targeted to a student’s personal achievement regardless of age.”

It may please you to know that, at BMGS, we’re already well underway in achieving the first recommendation.

Our Cultures of Thinking pedagogical approach and structured wellbeing programs prioritises the growing of our young people’s capacities to engage, think creatively, solve problems, accept feedback, demonstrate compassion, tolerance, empathy and respect, and to value relationships.

However, the move towards a ‘vertical’ learning model – one where students are not necessarily allocated according to age, but work in groups on the basis of interest and capability – would be an initiative that would require further investigation. However, many of our co-curricular activities, for example, do allow students of various ages to work together with teachers and parents. It would be interesting to see the implementation of vertical learning in classrooms in action.

It is pleasing to see discussion at a Federal level to recognise the need for increased creativity in students and the potential vertical learning offers. We look forward to more details being released on the timeframe and policy constraints.
More broadly though, it’s pleasing to see that BMGS is fulfilling our vision as a School where we are educating students for life so they are leaders in educational thinking and practice and of service to others.

**A Midsummer Night’s Dream – our Year 10 to 12 students shine!**
This week’s Senior School’s production of ”A Midsummer Night’s Dream" performed by students from Years 10 to 12 performed in a style of modern Shakespeare was a delightful theatre experience showcasing the depth and breadth of talent possessed by our students.

With great acting, clarity of speech, witty verbal barbs, segments of music and song, scenic set design and some amusing costumes, there is always something to catch your attention. It was a pleasure to sit back and watch the sparkle and enchantment of one of the Bard’s most popular comedies work its magic.

Thank you to the team of Mrs Annette Charter, Mrs Cindy Pecovnik, Ms Danie Evans, Miss Anne Cranna, Mrs Julie Cooney, Mr Col Burke and Mr Bob Charter and the Maintenance staff who gave so much of their own time in support of the production. Thank you also to Mrs Kerrie Jackson, Mr Kent Learned and Mr Shaun Davies and the many students whose tireless efforts helped to bring this production to such a marvellous conclusion.

**Students’ Achievement**
Congratulations to Year 10 students Nicholas Mayrhofer and Ethan Ward, whose film “Conformity” has been selected as a finalist in the Youth Film (13-18 years) category, of the Blue Shorts Film Festival, hosted at Mount Vic Flicks.

The movie was written and directed by Nicholas and Ethan, with Year 10 students Oscar Jones-Romeo and Matilda Merry in the starring roles.

This film recently won the Intermediate category of our BMGS Centenary Film Festival. At Blue Shorts in 2016, ‘A Wilted Flower’ - directed by Nicholas Mayrhofer, Kara Charlton, Jasmine Snow and Lily Thomas - won Best Youth Film and Best Edit.

Congratulations to Nic, Ethan, Oscar and Matilda.

*Trevor Barman*
*Headmaster*
FROM THE ACTING CHAPLAIN

God and the Movies (Warning: this article contains spoilers)
Welcome back and I hope you all had a refreshing and reenergising break from School. This Term I will be looking at God and culture and the way our culture is shaped by and responds to Christianity and God. I will discuss the influence of God in film, literature, music, and science.

I recently read an online article from Forbes* about the rise in popularity of films with a Biblical focus. I was fascinated to understand the correlation between the rise in mythological superhero type films and how this has led to audiences desiring new films that retell the great stories of the Bible. Films such as The Passion of the Christ (2004), Son of God (2014), Exodus: Gods and Kings (2014), Noah (2014), and Paul, Apostle of Christ (2018) have enjoyed varying levels of financial and critical success but have certainly been welcomed more enthusiastically than any other time following the golden era of biblical cinema in the 1950s.

The question is this: why are we so drawn to these superhero and Bible based films?

I believe these mythological stories and archetypes from the superhero films resonate with our souls; our God made souls that long for a relationship with their creator. Marvel critic John McAteer explains it like this, “comic book stories give us a clear sense of good and evil and the human need for a Savior who is more than human” (equip.org, 2015). Many of these movies focus on death and resurrection, a motif that runs through stories of heroes and the heroic. Various characters in these films are fashioned from or are directly influenced by stories of the Bible and no story is more powerful or real than Jesus’ literal death and resurrection. Often the death and resurrection in these films is also literal, much like the death of Superman in Superman v Batman: Dawn of Justice (2016), where the end of the film points to the hero coming back to life after he has sacrificed himself. The character named Vision from three of the Avengers films draws many direct comparisons to Jesus. Vision is both human and non-human and makes explicit allusion to the “I AM” statements by God in the burning bush (Exodus 3:1-16) and Jesus in the New Testament.

Now I am certainly not saying you have to be a Christian to enjoy these films. I am saying that we can all understand (and often enjoy and are moved by) these films in a deeply profound and often mysterious way because they remind us of the God shaped hole in our souls. These films remind us of our desire for more than earthly treasures that so quickly disappoint, break, and fade. Bill Moyers once said on his TV show The Power of Myth, “A myth is a mask of God, [...] a metaphor for what lies behind the visible world” (PBS, 1988). I think these films are so appealing because we sense that there is much more to our lives and our existence than meets the eye. These films are mythological but point to the much greater Truth of God.

The rise in popularity of Biblical films is directly related to this. While some moviegoers may attempt to dismiss the entire Bible as a collection of myths, it is interesting to consider why these stories connect with secular contemporary audiences, who at a glance appear far removed from the culture of the ancient Near East. These films prove that the Bible is anything but boring and irrelevant. The Bible is the inspired word of God (2 Timothy 3:16) and contains the Truth, which both challenges us to change our lives, and to be reborn through belief in Jesus. This is the Truth to which many of these superhero movies allude. As you sit down with your popcorn and Choc-top to watch the next Marvel, DC, or Biblical saga, I challenge you to look beyond the costumes and actors. Look behind the mask for God, have a conversation with someone about this, and open up a Bible with a fresh pair of eyes as you read the greatest story ever told.


L. Webb
FROM THE PARENTS’ AND FRIENDS’ ASSOCIATION

Term 2 General Meeting
The next General Meeting will be held next Tuesday in the Junior School (Wentworth Falls) on 15th May at 7:30pm.

This year we will be having a Spring Fair on Saturday, 15th September, as part of the Centenary Spring Festival. We encourage all parents who would like to be involved in the Fair, either in organising or volunteering, to come to this meeting.

We are seeking donations of pre-loved books for two upcoming Second Hand Book sales – the first of these is on Saturday, 26th May, when we will be holding a book stall in conjunction with the Centenary Daffodil Drive (please see below).

We are also collecting donations of books for the Spring Fair in September. (Note: no magazines, periodicals or text books please). These may be handed in at the Preparatory School Reception (for transfer to the Wentworth Falls Reception) or directly to Coorah Reception.

Thank you, in advance, for your support of our upcoming Book sales.

Parents’ and Friends’ Association Spring Fair Committee

BMGS CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS

Keep Cups
Our newly minted, special (and limited) edition Keep Cups have arrived!

Not only is this a great memento of our Centenary year, it will help us reach our waste reduction targets within the School.

The cups are available for $15 each and can be purchased from any of our three School Receptions, the Uniform Shop and the Senior School Canteen. We will also have them for sale at the upcoming Daffodil Drive and at various functions held throughout the year, such as the Annual Trivia Night and the Spring Fair.

Let’s help the environment and play our part in the war against waste!

Centenary Jackets
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The jackets can be purchased through the Uniform Shop and Mrs. Arrell has a range of sizes/samples available now for fittings. 50% of the purchase price is to be lodged with your order. The complete calendar of events has been published on our website. Please visit the Quick Links page for regular updates and details of each upcoming event: [http://www.bmgs.nsw.edu.au/bmgs-100-year-anniversary](http://www.bmgs.nsw.edu.au/bmgs-100-year-anniversary). Upcoming events will also be promoted on the School’s Facebook page.

**Daffodil Drive**
The BMGS Daffodil Drive is back!

In 2008, our 90th Anniversary Daffodil Drive resulted in a stunning display, each Spring, of golden daffodils lining the road into the Senior School. At that time, more than 1,500 bulbs were planted in specially prepared beds lining the roadway. Further bulbs were planted in many gardens around each of the three campuses.

**The Daffodil Drive** is back for our Centenary year! On Saturday, 26th May, from 10.00am to 1:00pm, we will be holding a Bulbs and Books Sale.

The bulbs are the same as School’s own special variety, from the Narcissis genus, and they are great performers in the garden; they are easy to grow and can be left in the ground to naturalise. They can be relied upon to produce masses of spring colour for years to come. Purchase them for your own gardens and think of BMGS’ Centenary when they flower for you in Spring. Or, you may wish to purchase bulbs to donate them to the School, to be planted in the planned anniversary bulb gardens at all three campuses.

Cost: 3 for $4.00; 6 for $8:00 or a dozen for $15.00

There will also be a second hand book sale on the day.

In appreciation of your support of this Bulbs and Book Sale, we are offering a complimentary cup of coffee or tea and your choice from a selection of cakes, cookies or slices with every purchase.

**BMGS Blue and Gold Anniversary and Debutante Ball**
This year we will be celebrating jointly our Centenary and the presentation of this year's Debutantes. The Ball will be held at the Fairmont Resort, Leura on Saturday, 9th June (Queen’s Birthday long weekend). The tickets cost $140 and cover champagne on arrival, a three course *a la carte* dinner and drinks. Bookings may be made online via: [https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?embed&eid=380374](https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?embed&eid=380374)

**BMGS Foundation Committee**

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**FROM THE ACTING DEPUTY HEAD – HEAD OF SENIOR SCHOOL**

Thank you for your support

Following a piece last week in the Newsletter, explaining changes to the school’s mobile phone and gaming policy, there has been a significant amount of emails arriving in my inbox from parents and carers. Thank you for your support. These changes have now been communicated to students and
posters are going up in classrooms as I type. I would like to thank the Head of e-Learning, Mr Christopher Huxley for his work with this initiative.

**Mobile Phones and Learning**
A key message in communicating to students is the impact of mobile phones on attention. Mobile phones are key source of distraction whenever they are in our pockets – these effects are well documented both in relation to driver safety as well as impacts on learning. Hassed and Chambers (Mindful Learning, 2014) point out that the efficacy of multitasking needs to be challenged, with learners losing considerable time and consuming considerable cognitive energy through what they coin ‘attentional switching’. That is, the process of taking your attention from one matter to another. Hassed and Chambers go on to state that (p26-27) ‘research shows that people attempting to multitask are more distracted and disorganised and have worse analytic reasoning and impaired memory.’

**Staying up to date on apps**
While dwelling on the topic of the impact of living in a digital age, this week Senior Constable Perkins, a local School Liaison Officer, visited the Senior School and presented to both Year 7 and 8. Students benefited from developing an understanding of current dangers for young people online and were provided an opportunity to develop strategies to reduce their online risk profile. At times it can be hard to stay up to date with the online landscape teenagers navigate. A great resource which may be of some use is a list of commonly used games, apps and social networking sites developed by the Office of the eSafety Commissioner. This can be accessed using the following link: [https://www.esafety.gov.au/esafety-information/games-apps-and-social-networking](https://www.esafety.gov.au/esafety-information/games-apps-and-social-networking).

To assist in the changes to mobile phone use on campus, parents and carers are requested to contact students outside class time and to pass on urgent messages through Ms Gillian Martin in Student Reception on 4757 9022.

**Leadership Launch**
Finally, this week also saw the launch of the 2018-19 Senior Leadership application process. All Year 11 students are encouraged to consider whether they will apply for the positions of House Prefect, House Captain, Vice-Captain and School Captain. Please note, these applications close at the end of Week 4, with application forms to be submitted to Ms Martin before this time. SRC appointments for 2018-19 will also be made this term, with the handover to the new Years 7 to 12 Leadership appointments to occur early in Term 3.

A. Beitsch
FROM THE DEPUTY HEAD – TEACHING & LEARNING

Important dates for the Term
NAPLAN – Tuesday, 15th May to Thursday, 17th May
Year 10 Half-Yearly Examinations – Tuesday, 22nd to Thursday, 24th May
Year 10 Allwell Testing – Friday, 25th May
Year 11 Parent/Teacher interviews – Thursday, 24th May
Year 8 Parent/Teacher interviews – Tuesday, 29th May
Year 9 Parent/Teacher interviews – Tuesday, 12th June

Setting Priorities
As a school we want our students to leave us as well-rounded students who have taken full advantage of all the opportunities we offer – and there’s so much! However, one of the most difficult things that students face as they move through school is making choices and prioritising their time. They want to do everything, but as homework and study demands increase through Senior School, this expectation is often unrealistic. There are so many good things we can do, but we can’t necessarily do them all – or do them all well!

Ask yourself questions
The first step in setting priorities is to ask questions that help you establish what is important to you. For a student in Year 4, it could be making the Football team. For someone in Year 8, it could be gaining a lead role in a play, improving results or a job. For a Year 12 student, they should be looking ahead to see how their final year at school will set them up for what is to follow – university or further study, a particular career, or the desire to save up and travel. Whatever it is, those goals shape the decisions and priorities now. Many students don’t know what they want to do when they finish school, but I can guarantee they always want as many options as possible. Getting the best HSC result you can is central to this!

For example, if you are wondering about whether you can fit in some part-time work, then before committing yourself, ask the following questions and make sure you can answer ‘yes’ to all:

1. Can I fit work in and still do all of my study and maintain my goal (e.g. grades)?
2. If I work will I still have time left over for recreation?
3. Will the job be flexible around my main priorities?
4. Have I got my parents'/caregivers' approval for getting a job?

Time management in the final years of high school
Finding a healthy balance between schoolwork, recreation, work and family life is vital. But it is also crucial that students understand that they can’t do it all – there are only so many hours in a day! If setting your goals and priorities is the big picture, then the way to make it work is through time management. Basic time management steps include drawing up a simple timetable using a calendar to plan activities, study requirements, deadlines for assignments, listing of exam dates and other commitments. Prioritising each item is important in helping you achieve goals rather than being overwhelmed by what you have to do.

Quick tips:
1. Create a daily 'to do' list.
2. List goals and set priorities – include the “fun stuff”.
3. Do 'A's' first (Most important things).
4. Do it now.
5. Ask yourself "What is the best use of my time right now?"
6. Be realistic: new habits take time to develop.
7. Reward yourself for small steps of progress towards your goals each week.
Achieving your goals takes work
Whatever you want, it’s going to take work, time and commitment! If it’s about gaining a really solid HSC mark and ATAR, then it is important to realise that study is like training for a marathon or a grand final – it’s not easy, it’s not glamorous and you’re going to get puffed!! For students planning on entering the workforce straight after school, a strong report with positive comments that highlights your dedication and work ethic is an absolute winner in the eyes of any employer.

M. Hastie

NEW STAFF MEMBER PROFILE – MR. SCOTT BISHOP

I am joining the BMGS welfare team part time as a School Counsellor.

I am a social worker who has a wide experience in the field of mental health. I have worked in the NSW health sector and for the last three years I have worked for Headspace National Youth Mental Health Foundation. I am passionate about working with young people, as I believe that while adolescence and early adulthood can be a challenge, it can also be the ideal time to instil positive values, develop resilience and foster healthy relationships; all of which form the foundation from which healthy, happy adults grow.

I recently moved to the lower Blue Mountains from Sydney with my wife and our two young sons. As an enthusiastic outdoorsperson and rock climber, I have had a lifelong love for the mountains as a playground to explore but it is only since I have moved here that I have come to appreciate the wonderful community that calls this place home.

I am thrilled to have found a place at BMGS and look forward to working with and supporting the staff, students and their families.

I will be available Thursdays and Fridays during term time.

S. Bishop

FROM THE HEAD OF ENGLISH

English Tutoring
Students, take that next step in your English studies this Term. Come to English tutoring from 3:15pm to 4:45pm on Tuesdays and Wednesdays in the LRC. Use the time to get help with that outstanding homework or assessment task, polish up your writing skills or catch up on your reading.

G. Horne

FROM THE HEAD OF MUSIC

Music Amongst The Autumn Leaves
Thank you to the following members of the Stage Band who performed at ‘Music Amongst the Autumn Leaves’ last Sunday afternoon; Laura Williamson (Year 12) Alec Meade (Year 11), Hamish Davis (Year 10), Will Hedges (Year 10) Nicholas Mayrhofer (Year 10), Sebastian Aldred (Year 9), Tom Delaney (Year 9), Scarlett Weston-Cole (Year 7), Finlay Davis (Year 7) and Casper Larkin (Year 7). This annual event, held at ‘The Farm’, Yellow Rock, features music performances from several lower
Blue Mountains High schools and is sponsored by Springwood Rotary Club. All donations received on the afternoon are shared amongst the participating school’s Music Departments.

International Jazz Day
Neill Duncan, BMGS Percussion and Saxophone tutor and one of New Zealand’s and now Australia’s best saxophonists, was invited to perform at the famous ‘Mona’ Gallery Hobart last weekend. Neill’s jazz combo presented their innovative and eccentric jazz as part of the of the celebrations for International Jazz Day.

Practicum Student
We welcome Mr. Mark O’Connor, who will be undertaking his four week practicum at BMGS this term. Mr. O’Connor is a local musician who has taught privately and at TAFE for many years.

Diary Dates:
A Voyage of Musical Discovery:  Year 11 and 12 Music students, City Recital Hall –Tuesday, 15th May
Soiree #2: Thursday, 31st May

D. Smith

FROM THE HUMANITIES DEPARTMENT

Legal Studies Court House Excursion
On Tuesday, 1st May, Year 11 Legal Studies students had the opportunity to attend the District Court in Parramatta. Students were able to speak to his Honour Judge Bennet, who gave students insights into the roles of judges as well as some personal stories about the effects of his work throughout the years. After this, students were able to watch the list court where they learnt the processes that ensure that court days run as smoothly as possible. Once trials commenced at 10:00am, there were many different trials that the students were able to attend and listen to, providing them with a range of cases to help them understand how criminal proceedings and courts function.

Fortunately, on this day there was a Supreme Court case being heard at the District Court. This gave students a unique opportunity to hear the testimony of an eye witness as well as experience a high-profile case. This case also meant that students had the privilege to speak to Justice Bellew, the Supreme Court Justice presiding over a terrorism/manslaughter case being heard that day. Overall, this trip allowed students to experience the function of a court as well as gain a better insight into the Australian legal system.

C. Ingold

FROM THE CULTURAL STUDIES DEPARTMENT

Host Families Wanted
CEI - Centre D’Echange Internationaux (Australian Program) is once again seeking to place French students in our School in Term 3. We successfully participated in this program last year and are extremely happy to be involved again in 2018.

We are currently seeking host families to care for the students who attend school every day as ‘locals’, with the aim of improving their English language skills.

Dates are 21st July to 15th August and we are seeking families to host these highly motivated and enthusiastic French students, who are very excited to be coming to Australia. These students come from all over France and are keen to improve their English and experience life in an Australian school and family, whilst also sharing their French culture.
We ask families to welcome them into their homes and show them around our scenic Blue Mountains on weekends, hopefully including a visit to Sydney.

Families are paid to host these students and parents require a Working With Children (WWC) Card.

This is a really a fantastic opportunity for our students who are currently learning French, or for anyone interested in the culture and keen to make a new international friend.

For more information please contact me at the School or via email vhuston@bmgs.nsw.edu.au

V. Huston

FROM THE LEARNING ENRICHMENT DEPARTMENT

Welcome to Term 2!

A reminder that I will be in the Library Resource Centre (LRC) on Tuesdays this Term after school. This after school assistance is for homework help, however, can also include help in organising a study plan or just general assistance in organising your workload.

If you are interested in attending, it is a great idea to contact me on email almichielsen@bmgs.nsw.edu.au so that I can best prepare for the time spent together.

A. Michielsen

FROM THE HEAD OF ZIELE HOUSE

Red Shield Appeal
This year Blue Mountains Grammar students will again be collecting for the Red Shield Appeal and the Salvation Army. While this is the Ziele House charity, we welcome all Senior School students from Years 7 to 12 to collect. Last year approximately 100 BMGS students collected almost $6,000 on the day.

Students always have a great time, going out with a group of their friends for the morning before bringing their collected donations back to School to be counted.

Students who would like to volunteer as a doorknocker need to see Ms Evans in the Drama Staffroom or the Ziele Office for a permission note and online registration link; both of these need to be completed for students to volunteer on the day.

We are also looking for parents who would be able to drive their own child and a small group of their friends to their collection point on the day and back to School when they are finished. If you would be happy to do this, please contact Ms Evans via email on devans@bmgs.nsw.edu.au

This year the Red Shield Appeal is the weekend of the 26th and 27th May. BMGS is collecting in the Wentworth Falls area on Sunday, 27th May between 8:30am and 12:30pm.

For more information about the great work the Salvos do as a result of the Red Shield Appeal, please go to https://salvos.org.au/get-involved/red-shield-appeal/

D. Evans
FROM THE UNIFORM SHOP

Please note that the Uniform Shop will be closed on Tuesday 15th May.

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K. Arrell

FROM THE HEAD OF SPORT

This weekend we have all sports at home and the School play performances. It is important that all students involved in the School play understand that all game times have been set to enable all commitments to be met on Saturday.

Please see the MIC of your sport if you have any issues regarding this.

Rugby Presentation
This Saturday the BMGS Open Rugby team will be presented with their Centenary jerseys. These jerseys are in the original School colours and commemorate 100 years of Rugby for BMGS. The presentation will take place in the mezzanine at approximately 8:00am, prior to the first game at 9:00am. Parents and friends of BMGS Rugby are encouraged to attend this event.

Touch Football
Could any students who are playing Touch Football in an external competition please come and see me at my office by 23rd May.

Cross Country Carnival
The Senior School Cross Country Carnival was held on Tuesday, 8th May at School. The day was a great success with beautiful weather for all the runners.

Those runners who were successful in making the BMGS team to compete at ISA were given notes on the day. Could these please be returned as soon as possible so that nominations can be completed and sent to ISA.

The ISA Cross Country Carnival will be held at the Sydney Equestrian Centre on Wednesday, 30th May. The bus departs 8:30am from School and pickups will be made at Lawson (8:45am), Springwood Station (9:00am) and Glenbrook (9:15am). Please indicate on your note your required pickup and drop off point.

ISA 2018 Winter Season
A reminder that all information regarding sport is posted weekly on Team App. If you have not yet joined Team App, please refer to the email sent last term for instructions.

Saturday Sport Canteen
A link will be sent via Team App each week for parents to choose time slots to assist in the canteen. This booking method was very successful over the summer season. All funds raised through the canteen go back to the sports involved to buy major equipment so your assistance is greatly appreciated.
Training Uniforms
During Term 2, those students who do not wish to get changed at the end of training MUST have their full School tracksuit, otherwise they will need to change back into their full School uniform.

Training gear must be BMGS gear. Uniform detentions will be issued to those students who do not comply with the uniform rules for sports training.

Best wishes to all those players who are playing in the winter competition.

M. Harris

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Match Reports – Saturday, 5th May, 2018

Rugby

**BMGS U13s were defeated by St. Andrew’s Cathedral School, 29-5**

An excited group of boys took the field against SACS for their first ISA Rugby game. With a mixture of new players to Rugby and the welcome inclusion of very experienced players from Year 6, the match promised to be an interesting contest. Strong running in the forwards from Max, Joel, Ben, Sachin and Jasper provided us with momentum and good hands in the backs from Fred, Tom, Oscar and Henry allowed us to maintain good field position in the first half, but we could not cross the line and were behind by three tries at half time. Sound defence from Asher, Flynn and Dominic limited the opposition to two tries in the second half and we managed, with the assistance of a SACS player, to cross the line for our first try of the season. Strong support from Connor, Spencer and Luka allowed us to compete strongly in the scrum and at the breakdown. The final score was 29-5 to SACS, but there is strong promise in this side as they gain confidence and understanding of the roles that individuals will play in making this a strong team.

D. Horwood
BMGS U14s were defeated by St. Andrew’s Cathedral School, 50-12
In what could be only considered an early hit out for the U/14s, we travelled to St Andrew’s for Round 1 of the Division 2 competition. We knew that it was going to be a difficult game, mainly due to our numbers, but the boys were so keen to get on the field, they started warming up more than an hour before the game! Fitness played a big part in our game with the heat taking its toll on our players who are used to a slightly cooler environment. Hats off, though, to all players who soldiered on despite coming up against a quality opposition with a large bench. Defensive lapses saw the opposition run in some easy tries but, with the ball in hand, the BMGS boys always looked dangerous. Tries to Al and Jack highlighted the offensive abilities of this team but, again, defence is something we need to work on. Well done to the boys and thank you to SACS for hosting us

T. Forsyth
BMGS U15s were defeated by St. Andrew’s Cathedral School 31-14
In the first game in a different division the BMGS boys took the field slightly nervous about the size of their opposition. Heavy traffic on Parramatta Road meant the warm up was condensed. But the Under 15s took the field switched on and ready to play, with the forwards being led by Oscar who was everywhere near the ruck and set an outstanding example for the boys. The team also welcomed debutante Anderson to the team who quickly showed he was willing to get involved, making some good yards through the middle. The defence of the U15s was a notable improvement, with the work done on Thursday during training paying dividends. A special mention should be made of the defence of Oscar out wide, who managed to defuse three situations which would have been certain tries. With the ball, Daniel proved hard to handle but it was Jake who crossed the line for first points for BMGS for the season after some great sustained possession. Nelson’s kicking game was impressive and helped the boys escape their own half on multiple occasions. Ethan also made good use of his speed and agility to cross for points. Sadly, SACS crossed for successive tries in the second half, with the final score not reflective of how close the game was. Our thanks to SACS for hosting this match and for their outstanding sportsmanship. It was a great first round hit-out.

A. Beitsch
BMGS Opens were defeated Saint Andrew’s Cathedral School, 20-19
BMGS dominated possession and position in the first fifteen minutes of the game with SACS defending attack after attack on their line. The SACS excellent defence and BMGS’s inability to maintain the ball in contact kept the game scoreless up to the 20th minute when SACS scored on the back of a BMGS error. BMGS’s position worsened when the referee punished offside offences with two yellow cards and then a higher tackle with a similar sanction. Reduced to 12 players for the last ten minutes of the first half placed BMGS in a parlous position. The team, led by Cian, responded with outstanding defence and excellent attack that nearly led to a try close to the end of the half. One of three balls lost over the try line! Considering the disparate numbers, a 0–5 score line was a good result. The second half yielded and early converted try for SACS, allowing them to take a 12–0 lead. It was apparent, from the effort that our players were putting in, that the score was not going to blow out. BMGS scored a converted try, through Ethan – 7–12. SACS replied with a runaway try to their hooker (from our kick!) – 7-17. BMGS replied with a try to Rama – 12-17. Both sides maintained an excellent standard of behaviour throughout this ‘pressure cooker’ second half. The SACS kicker punished us for an indiscretion with a 3 point penalty – 12-20. Six minutes left on the clock. Excellent defence weakened SACS and BMGS followed up with a determined attack that led to a second try to Rama, converted by Ethan – 19-20. SACS looked like breaking through a number of times, however, outstanding defence by Zac, Jessie and Callum, and Lasse earlier in the match, kept the desperate SACS players out. Time was up as we were awarded a penalty. Cian chose the tap kick 20m out. Out through the backs it went, followed by desperate defence and desperate attack. We scored! No - we lost the ball over the line. Disbelief! It is a credit to all players that they kept their cool, attacking and defending desperately and leaving nothing on the paddock. BMGS has work to do on maintaining the ball in contact and reducing mistakes and penalties, however, there is no work to do on effort. They have set their standard in the first game. Well done.

J. Cusick and G. Smedley
Netball
BMGS First VII defeated St. Spyridon, 43-33
Our first quarter was awful and, at the end of the 15 minute period, we were down by five points. This was possibly because the girls were still in a state of meditative bliss from their perfectly pleasant bus trip along the scenic (dreadful traffic!) M5, which resulted in us being late for the game. Whatever the reason, the team rallied and the final whistle saw us win by 10 points. Miranda Pecovnik played a dominant role in her first game as Netball captain, directing the attack and hardly missing a shot. All our shooters were on target with Alice Knight and Emma Simon also adding to the score. In the midcourt,
Holly was tireless in both attack and defence. The whole team deserves great praise for the way they rallied themselves and kept composed as they fought their way back to win.

V. Stanton – Coach
BMGS Open B were defeated by Barker College, 64–9
This was a sobering start to the season. Barker fielded a well-drilled team that highlighted the newness of relationships within our team. Although the score was rather lopsided, there was ample evidence of the skill and talent of the Open Bs. Given more time and practice, they have the potential for immense improvement as they learn their teammates’ strength and styles of play. It can be challenging to remain positive when the opposing team is so dominant but, to their credit, these girls maintained their efforts and good sportsmanship until the final whistle. They should all be proud of their performances.

M. Airth - Coach
BMGS Intermediate A defeated Central Coast Grammar School 24–21
The first half of this game was a little frantic as we had limited warm-up time, however, the girls soon found their rhythm. They didn’t panic and slowly worked their way back in front. Excellent shooting made every opportunity and turnover count. The defence was tireless, especially in the last quarter. A great start to the season, girls!

J. Haines – Manager
BMGS Intermediate B were defeated by Central Coast Grammar School, 32-18
The opening game of the season saw our Intermediate Bs defeated by a more experienced Central Coast team. For a couple of the girls, this was their very first game of Netball and, it has to be said, that this team shows a lot of promise. We will be working on understanding our positions better, and improving our passes and footwork. Overall, a great team effort to start the season.

J. Watts - Coach
BMGS Junior A defeated Central Coast Grammar School, 29-23
The game was great and the win was a wonderful outcome. All girls played really well, with only a few wayward passes here and there. Ella Russell and Zoe Long scored the majority of the goals. We discovered a great rhythm in the second quarter and that continued for the rest of the game.

Mia Underwood
BMGS Junior C drew with Central Coast Grammar School, 14–14
Going into the first game of the season, all the girls were incredibly excited as well as nervous (this being the first time some of the girls had played Netball). At the start of the first quarter the girls were hungry for the ball and they took a well-earned lead. Through their strong attack, defence and overall teamwork, the JuniorCs were able to maintain this lead into the third quarter. However, during this quarter, exhaustion set in but not enough to allow the opposition to overtake them. The final quarter can only be described as an epic event. With 30 seconds to go, the scores were tied and both sides were putting up their toughest defence and attack. With only seconds to go, the ball made its way towards our shooters. Unfortunately, all the pressure - and yelling and screaming of the crowd – got the better of them leaving the final score at 14-14. It was an absolutely amazing first game of the season and I am super excited to find out where the season takes us.

Molly Gale – Coach (Marni Brown – Coach, but absent playing for Firsts)

Hockey
BMGS 1st XI were defeated by St. Andrew’s Cathedral School, 4-1
We started the season against the team who won this Division last year. The game was on turf and very different from the usual grass field that we train on. We started the game strongly and, midway through the first half, Laura scored the first goal of the game. At the end of the half, BMGS led SACS 1-0. Unfortunately, in the second half, SACS was able to score a few quick goals, making the score 4-1 at the end of the game. The score didn’t reflect the amount of effort the girls put in, nor any of the promising plays that were beginning to form. For a group of girls who had never played together as a team before, this match was a really positive way to start the season. I am excited to see how the rest of the season will go, as I know we can only improve from here.

Georgia Clarke, Captain of Hockey
BMGS Junior XI defeated Chevalier College, 2-0
What a great start to the season. The girls were both nervous and excited for their first game, with all but three of our players playing their very first game of hockey. The girls did themselves proud, playing both bravely and intelligently. Tight defence was a key feature of our game. Jessica, Chloe and Mea-Mei all had sensational games, pushing the ball wide out of our danger zone. Belle shone in her role as Sweeper, knowing almost instinctively when to push up the field for possession of the ball and then to drop back as an ever dependable line of defence. Our midfield players also were dependable, with both Sophie and Laura backing up their centre half, Eloise, in their quest up the field. Eloise, Ruby, Luca, Meaghan and Amara placed vast amounts of pressure on the opposition’s defence, with nine attacking
short corners awarded to us. With persistent pressure both Ruby and Eloise scored goals, to make our winning score 2-0. Congratulations to all the girls; they truly did an amazing job for first game of the season.

R. Hyslop, MIC Hockey

Girls’ Football

BMGS were defeated by Oxley College, 3-2
This week we played Oxley College in Bowral and unfortunately lost the game 3-2. The goal scorers were me (Darcy) and Taylor. For our first game, we all did very well. We had no coach for this game, so Taylor, Neave and I coached the team and prepared them for the game. There are definitely some areas that we can improve upon for next week. We were not controlling the ball and were just doing a one-touch kick, which wasn’t going to anyone, so it just went to a random part of the field. We were definitely not staying in our positions and many girls all ran to the ball at the same time. This made it easy for the opposition, once they got the ball, to just run straight through our defence and score because no one was staying back in their position. When the other team had a throw-in, we were not marking up. Apart from these few things, the new Year 7s did extremely well for their first time playing together in a soccer team. The Year 8s also did a great job of leading and helping everyone.

Darcy Roberts

BMGS Intermediate XI defeated St. Andrew’s Cathedral School, 7-2
The Intermediate girls smashed their first game by a whopping 7-2 against St Andrew’s Cathedral School. They gelled together as a team, always supporting each other and passing the ball constantly. Indigo scored five of our goals and Hayli scored the other two. Our defensive line did an amazing job, however, if the ball passed the defenders, one of our Year 8s, Scarlett would almost always save the goal shot. Overall, for our first game, the Intermediates played strongly and proudly, representing our School, and starting off their season with a great win. Well done, girls!

Koko Wilson

BMGS First XI defeated St. Andrew’s Cathedral School, 2-1
As the first game of the season I couldn't be more proud to say that we won our first game in Division 1, 2-1 against St Andrew’s Cathedral School. Playing a lot of the game in the midfield, our wingers and midfielders really stepped up, showing great possession. Our attackers all did a great job, placing immense pressure on SACS defenders and goalie. Our defence was also pushed but pulled through with some great saves. Every single BMGS player put everything they had out on the field; I am so thankful that it all payed off and we can't wait to play them again on our home field.

Tara Shiels, Firsts' Captain

Boys’ Football

BMGS 1st XI were defeated by Redfield College, 2-0
On a beautiful sunny day the BMGS 1st XI started the season with a disappointing 2-0 loss to Redfield College. The boys are learning a new style of possessional play and found it difficult to settle in the first half. Most of the team are playing in Firsts for the first time and the step up in intensity and the new structure had them playing without confidence until the second half. The passing and possession rate improved and the changes started to appear in front of goal. Luke Elmes played a fantastic game at left back and proved difficult for the opposition to beat. Lucas Girardi and Gabe McGarry also had strong games whilst Jackson Prowse in goals made some fantastic saves and was close to best on field. Overall the boys played to the best of their ability and with more training sessions and continued application of the new style of play will become more competitive as the season progresses. As a young team we will build and hopefully provide the spectators many happy days watching some entertaining football. Our thanks to all the parents and spectators who attended our first game. Also, a big thank you to Ms Hall and Mr Singh for all their efforts for Boys’ Football this year.

BMGS 2nd XI were defeated by Redfield College, 5-4
The boys’ Second XI played a gutsy game against Redfield College on Saturday at home. Unfortunately, the boys were too slow off the mark and allowed Redfield to score three goals in the first half. Half time was a blessing for the boys as they switched on, fired up, encouraged each other and started performing as a team. It turned out to be a very close match, which was very exciting from the sideline. The boys won the second half 4-2, with some exceptional goals from our strikers Michael Hillyard and Peter Young. Henry Wilmore also impressed the crowd with a fantastic free kick, resulting in a great team goal. The final score was 5-4 down, however, the boys were in high spirits and have come out of the game confident and ready for next week.
BMGS U15s defeated Redfield College, 2-1
The Under 15s played well with the opportunity of scoring on many occasions. However, they did not capitalise on their chances and the final score was 2-1 our way. Players who worked hard throughout the game were Lincoln Thompson, Oscar Monk and Harrison Jarman.

BMGS U14s defeated Redfield College, 3-1
It was a great day for Football to open the season put us up against Redfield, who we knew would be a challenge this year. The boys started well, with lots of attacking raids into the Redfield half. The final finish was letting us down as Redfield kept us out. The game hung in the balance until Jesse converted our second and then, late in the match, Andrew calmly slotted one past the keeper to make the final score 3-1. A combination of great defensive work and continued attacking Football with determination secured the win. This was great work to kick off the season.

BMGS U13s defeated Redfield College, 4-2
The BMGS U13s boys convincingly defeated the Redfield U13s 4-2 at home. I thought that the boys showed a great amount of effort throughout the game as they never stopped running after the ball and played well together, making some great passes, which then placed the opposition under a lot of pressure and resulted in two beautifully worked goals by both Trinity and Jack in the first half. The boys then continued their dominance in the second half, with another great goal scored by Trinity from out on the wing, which was then followed by a nicely finished goal scored by Jett. The boys were playing really well, however, in the last ten minutes of the game the boys became somewhat complacent and began pushing too far forward, which left our defence vulnerable and led to us conceding two quick goals on the counter. This is obviously something that we will be working on in our training this week and I will be driving home the importance of keeping focus throughout the entire game. Overall, I thought that this game was a fantastic start to the season as it showed just how well the team can play together and the fantastic effort the boys can put in, but it also served as an important lesson about discipline, which I’m sure the boys will naturally develop throughout the season.

P. Singh, MIC Boys’ Football

FROM THE JUNIOR SCHOOL
What fun we had at last Friday’s special celebration birthday party for the School’s centenary!

After cutting a special centenary cake, all the children from P-6 enjoyed fun activities on the oval that included a jumping castle, an obstacle course, a petting zoo and pony rides. Even some of the teachers got into the mood – much to the pony’s bemusement! Whilst there are many other celebratory events planned across the School for this, our centenary year, last Friday was the Junior School’s special event and our thanks to the Junior School’s P and F for putting on such a great party. The wonderful team of helpers on the day led by Bonnie Mamo were: Mr. Chris Cigana, Mrs. Hayley Clifton, Mrs. Deb Cusick, Mrs. Jo Dunning, Mrs. Linda Emmerson, Mrs. Erica Gander, Mrs. Justine Hampartzoumian, Ms. Anika Heintze, Mrs. Leisel Huckel, Ms Suzanne Janine, Mrs. Kate Lowrie, Ms Natalie Morel-Lewis, Mrs. Dallas Snedden and Mrs. Catharine Tierney. Thank you also to all the parents who came along to share the day with their children. It was great to see a few younger siblings join in the fun.

We have had a few other exciting events occur since term commenced. Along with 4Gs excursion to the CARES Bike Safety course that was reported on last week, Stage 2 have also enjoyed joining with other local schools to participate in Rock Blitz run by Blue Mountains City Council Education Unit at Wentworth Falls Lake. Read on to Mrs Gerrard’s special report to learn more.

We also enjoyed a great Cross Country Carnival earlier this week. The weather was perfect for cross country running and there was great participation and support by all our Year 3 to 6 students and a number of keen Year 2 boys as well! We are looking forward to hearing final results and seeing how our representative team performs at the upcoming WAS (18th May) and HICES (29th May) Cross Country Carnivals. Both these events are held in Orange this year and spectators are most welcome to join us in support.

Congratulations to our Debating team who won their debate this week and we are anxiously waiting to see whether or not we have qualified for the Finals round as a result.

A belated but special thank you to Indie James and a number of our musicians who represented the School with distinction at the Dawn Service on ANZAC Day in Wentworth Falls during the holidays. Indie read the Prayer of Remembrance and laid a wreath on behalf of all of us on this special day of thanksgiving and reflection. It was noticeable and pleasing to see how many children had attended a service or parade on ANZAC Day when we discussed it at Assembly last week.

You may have noticed on your return to school that a 20kw system of solar panels has been installed over the holidays and is now in use, generating power for our School to use. This is all part of meeting the School’s goals of focusing on issues of sustainability and reducing our environmental footprint. In 2017, we exceeded our goal of reducing our electricity consumption by 5% and we are aiming for a further 5% reduction in 2018. In an effort to improve our waste management, the School far exceeded its goal of a 10% reduction in waste, achieving an impressive 43% reduction. The challenge is an ongoing one and we are soon to move towards looking at our water usage and opportunities for a more sustainable approach in this area as well. The student body has been and will continue to be part of this change process as environmental sustainability is a topic that invokes passion in many of our students as they grow and become aware of the world heritage environment that we are fortunate enough to be a part of.
Don’t forget the Making Maths Magic workshop next Thursday afternoon from 3.15pm. If you are interested in learning more about how young children learn their early numeracy skills then come along and join in an interactive workshop with our highly skilled and experienced Early Learning teachers in the Early Learning Central Area. Children are welcome to attend After School Care but please make a booking.

Is your child in the Junior School Choir or Orchestra? Have you booked your tickets yet for the IPSHA Performing Arts Festival at the Sydney Town Hall on August 20th? If not click on this link to secure tickets which are strictly limited: https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?embed&eid=362684

N. Cockington

Student Awards
The following awards were presented at Assembly this week:
Bronze – Kate Fraser (6G) and Darcy Fisher (Kindergarten)

STAGE 2 ROCK BLITZ

On Thursday, 3rd May, students in Years 3 and 4 participated in the combined school’s Rock Blitz run by Blue Mountains City Council Education Unit at Wentworth Falls Lake.

The purpose of the Rock Blitz was to engage the students in the geological story of the Blue Mountains and to help them achieve that, the students had to complete a number of experiments to help them to uncover more information about the area. Eight locations were selected in the Blue Mountains due to the uniqueness of each of those areas. The students had to complete pH testing, soil analysis, rock analysis, and read about the ‘unknown’ area and then try to match their area to a place in the Blue Mountains. The students had to try to match up eight locations and justify their choices. The students managed to identify all eight locations and along the way they learned about the basalt soil found at Mt Wilson, the hidden story behind the lap stone found at, you guessed it, Lapstone, the volcanic history of the Blue Mountains and the fact that the Blue Mountains are in fact a plateau.

The students had a wonderful day learning about the geology of their local area, participating in a wide variety of experiments, socialising with students from different schools and being in an outdoor classroom for the day.

L. Gerrard
FROM THE CENTENARY COMMITTEE

Keep Cups
Our newly minted, special (and limited) edition Keep Cups have arrived!

Not only is this a great memento of our Centenary year, it will help us reach our waste reduction targets within the School.

The cups are available for $15 each and can be purchased from any of our three School Receptions and the Uniform Shop.

We will also have them for sale at the upcoming Daffodil Drive and at various functions held throughout the year, such as the Annual Trivia Night and the Spring Fair.

Let’s help the environment and play our part in the war against waste!

Upcoming Centenary Events:
- Daffodil Drive: Saturday, 26th May, BMGS Senior School
- BMGS Blue and Gold Anniversary and Debutante Ball: Saturday, 9th June, 2018, Fairmont

This year we will be celebrating jointly our Centenary and the presentation of this year’s Debutantes. The Ball will be held at the Fairmont Resort, Leura on Saturday, 9th June (Queen’s Birthday long weekend). The tickets cost $140 and cover champagne on arrival, a three course a la carte dinner and drinks. Bookings may be made online via: https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?embed&eid=380374

We hope you can join us at one or both of these events!

BMGS Foundation Committee

FROM THE PARENTS’ AND FRIENDS’ ASSOCIATION

Term 2 General Meeting
The next General Meeting will be held in the Junior School (Wentworth Falls) on Tuesday, 15th May at 7:30pm.

This year we will be having a Spring Fair on Saturday, 15th September, as part of the Centenary Spring Festival. We encourage all parents who would like to be involved in the Fair, either in organising or volunteering, to come to this meeting.
Book Donations Sought
We are seeking donations of pre-loved books for two upcoming Second Hand Book sales – the first of these is on Saturday, 26th May, when we will be holding a book stall in conjunction with the Centenary Daffodil Drive (please see advertisement on Page 4 of this Newsletter).

We are also collecting donations of books for the Spring Fair in September. (Note: no magazines, periodicals or text books please). These may be handed in at the Preparatory School Reception (for transfer to the Wentworth Falls Reception) or directly to Coorah Reception.

Thank you, in advance, for your support of our upcoming Book sales.

Parents’ and Friends’ Association Spring Fair Committee

FROM THE UNIFORM SHOP
Please note that the Uniform Shop will be closed on Tuesday 15th May.

Centenary Jackets
A limited edition of Centenary Jackets, bearing the Anniversary logo, will be available for purchase until the end of Term 2 (June). The jackets are available in two colours: black with a white crest or navy blue with a yellow crest, and all sizes are $45.00 (Men, Ladies and Children sizes available).

The jackets can be purchased through the Uniform Shop and Mrs. Arrell has a range of sizes/samples available now for fittings. 50% of the purchase price is to be lodged with your order. Visit the Anniversary page on the Quick Links page of our website: http://www.bmgs.nsw.edu.au/bmgs-100-year-anniversary

K. Arrell

FROM THE HEAD OF THE PREPARATORY SCHOOL
School Leaders Election Day
Last Friday, May 4, the students at the Preparatory School had an election to vote in the 2018 Year 4 Leaders.

The event began with each of the Year 4 students delivering their speeches stating why they thought the Preparatory School should vote for them to be a School Leader. There were many persuasive arguments used to convince the audience and many of the candidates used humour to enhance their reasoning.
After the speeches ended, the Preparatory School took to the polls! Each student had to have their name marked off by the election officials, Miss Brace and Mrs Boros, before moving to the polling booth and completing their secret ballots.

Then the ballot papers were placed into the securely locked ballot box.

We will be announcing our new Preparatory School Leaders next week after the teachers and specialist Staff have all had an opportunity to cast their votes.

**Uniform**
A reminder that Preparatory School students are to wear their School winter uniform from Monday, 14th May. If there are any questions or concerns, please contact Preparatory School Reception.

**Morning Tea Munch**
Thank you to those parents who have volunteered to supply some goodies for our ‘Morning Tea Munch’ commencing on 21st May.

**Communication**
The Preparatory School values open and honest communication between home and the School. We endeavour to keep parents well informed of what is happening in the classroom, Preparatory School and the School in general. We do this in a number of ways including the School diary, letters home about specific events or timely information, the School newsletter, through social media such as the ‘What’s On’ page and Preparatory Facebook Page and the formal reporting process. It is important that parents communicate directly to members of staff about their concerns rather than approaching other parents in person, by phone or e-mail. It is not helpful when parents take matters into their own hands and do not involve the School.

When speaking with staff, quick chats at the beginning or end of the day are fine, however, if you need to discuss an important issue please make an appointment for a mutually suitable time. If you feel the issue remains unresolved, please make an appointment to see the Head of Preparatory School, if required.

We want to be made aware of any concerns so that we can jointly deal with them and continue working in partnership for the benefit of your child. It is not productive to discuss them with other parents at or outside the School. Throughout the year, a variety of methods will be used to communicate between students, parents and staff:

**Email Guidelines**
- Emails should be brief and courteous.
- The first point of contact for parents regarding general issues is their child’s teachers.
- It is more appropriate to make an appointment to talk to staff members about complex or sensitive issues.
- Given the daily commitments of staff to their classes and associated responsibilities, staff will reply as soon as possible, generally within 24 hours.
- Emails should only be sent to those staff immediately concerned with the issue and the Head of Preparatory if necessary. Please do not copy your email to a number of staff.

**Life Education Visit**
On Monday and Tuesday next week, the Life Education van will be visiting the Preparatory School. A range of resources complements the Life Education programs for teachers and parents.

If parents would like to access useful materials to use for discussion with their children before and after their visits to the Life Education van next week, these can be accessed at [www.lifeeducation.org.au/parents](http://www.lifeeducation.org.au/parents)

The link includes a range of tip sheets, as well as videos from Health experts.

A. Brace
**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – MAY 2018**

Friday, 11th May – Year 11 Preliminary HSC Physics Luna Park Excursion
Friday, 11th May – NSW All Schools Swimming Carnival
Friday, 11th May - Years 8 and 9, Big Science Competition
Friday, 11th May to Saturday, 12th May – final performances, Senior School, *A Midsummer Night’s Dream*

Monday, 14th May to Tuesday, 15th May – Preparatory School Life Education Visit
Monday, 14th May – Junior School Book-a-Tour
Tuesday, 15th May to Thursday, 17th May – NAPLAN Testing, Years 3, 5, 7 and 9
Tuesday, 15th May – Year 11 Drama Stagecraft Workshop, Q Theatre, Penrith
Tuesday, 15th May – Year 11 Industrial Technology Timber, Industry Study, Lawson Industrial Estate
Tuesday, 15th May – Year 11 and 12 Music, Voyage of Musical Discovery, City Recital Hall
Tuesday, 15th May – Parents’ and Friends’ Association Term 2 General Meeting, Junior School

Wednesday, 16th May – Year 9 Wilderness Education, Asgard Swamp Navigation, Mount Victoria
Wednesday, 16th May – Junior School Interrelate Family Evening

Thursday, 17th May – Tempest Performance and Symposium, Riverside Theatre, Parramatta
Thursday, 17th May – Making Maths Magic Workshop, Junior School Early Learning Centre
Friday, 18th May – WAS Cross Country Carnival
Friday, 18th May – Year 10 Wilderness Education, Asgard Swamp Navigation, Mount Victoria
Friday, 18th May – Senior School Chess Tournament